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Today's Weather: Fresh, gusty Easterly winds; cloudy, with scattered drizzle.
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In His Dad's Footsteps?

New York, Mar. 15.—Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., 35, became the first son of the late President to seek public office by agreeing to run for the Congressional seat vacated by the death of Representative Sol Bloom.

Mr. Roosevelt, who resembles his father in looks and manner, will be supported by both the Democratic and Liberal Parties.—United Press.

NEW PEACE DELEGATES

Nanking, Mar. 16.—An announcement that alterations would be made in the present Nationalist peace delegation, which is to meet the Communists, was made by the new Premier, General Ho Ying-chin, here last night.

One change would be the replacement of Mr. Peng Chao-hsien, who has resigned. There might be more alterations, he said.

General Ho said he was studying the problems of discontinuing military conscription and taxation in kind, which is being urged by the Legislative Yuan.

He thought the future of the financial and currency reforms to overcome the country's economic crisis was bright.

The Premier revealed that General Chiang Chih-chung, one of China's most ardent peace advocates, could not be Deputy Premier because of his duties as Governor of the North-West Province. The present Deputy Premier, General Wu Teh-cheng, was considering accepting if he were appointed. General Chiang Chih-chung might, however, be a Minister.

He said he had not decided whether he would concurrently hold the National Defence portfolio. He said the peace negotiations would begin soon with the Chinese Communists.—Reuter-AAP.

Britain Beginning To Build Big Bomber Fleet

FRONT LINE STRENGTH TO BE INCREASED

London, Mar. 15.—Britain is now beginning to put into effect the first stage of her programme for increasing the front line strength of her bomber striking force, the Air Minister, Mr. Arthur Henderson, told the House of Commons today.

He was asking for a vote of £207 million for the Air Force for next year—£34 million more than the original estimate for this year.

The other facts he gave about the Royal Air Force were:

The re-equipping of the day and fighter and ground attack squadrons overseas with jet fighters should be completed by June next year.

The latest types of Meteor and Vampire jet fighters—"the finest in service in the world today"—now used by the RAF, were much better than the original versions. But the newer types already being developed would be much better still.

Smuggled Arms Seized

Wiesbaden, Mar. 15.—German border police at the North Hessian town of Heringen today seized five cases of weapon parts being smuggled from the Soviet Zone into the United States Zone, Military Government authorities said tonight.

Besides nearly 200 rifle trigger actions and rifle sights, the cases contained 150 drills and various tools. The police said these could "conceivably" help to fit out a small arms factory. The cases were addressed to a German in Wuerzburg-Baden.—Reuter.

"I can say with confidence that the lead we now hold in day fighters will be maintained in the future," he said.

Orders had been placed "in quantity" for a twin-jet bomber capable of a speed approaching 500 miles an hour, which was being developed, and for a twin-jet night fighter.

Explaining why the re-equipping of the RAF bomber force with jet bombers had been deferred, Mr. Henderson said they could have developed at great cost a type of jet bomber built around the existing jet engines, or developed another piston engine type. Both would have become obsolete in a very few years.

It had therefore been decided to concentrate on a long-term development of advanced jet bombers, he said, adding that the Fighter Com-

mand's jet fighter force was being doubled. This process should be completed by the middle of next month.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Secretary of State for Air, told the House of Commons new bombers had been ordered into full production, that jet fighters, though still in the "development" stage, would be "available" by the middle of 1950 and that Britain was "moving" toward technical supremacy in all phases of air warfare.

As Mr. Henderson heralded a "completely new era in flying" and hinted of greater planes to come, the Defence, Finance and Foreign Affairs Ministers of the five Western Union countries conferred for the second day on military, political and economic barriers against Communism and possible Soviet aggression.

Their urgent secret conference ended tonight, but plans laid by these leaders of Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg soon will lead to the signing of the North Atlantic security pact, formation of the Council of Europe and rearming of the West.

Amid their talks on how to distribute expected American military aid and how to deploy Western Union forces, there came another disclosure.

FRANCE SEEKS JETS

An announcement here revealed that France had contracted with Britain's De Havilland aircraft company for the manufacture of Vampire jet fighters under licence in France.

Mr. Henderson asked the Commons for £207,500,000 for the Royal Air Force, an increase of £18,000,000 over this year.

The Secretary declared: "We are now beginning to put into effect the first stage of our planned programme for increasing front-line Western Union defence and any actions we may be called upon to take as a result of the Atlantic Pact have been settled."

He also hinted that production might start soon on another jet bomber, capable of "flying at greater heights than hitherto," with a pressurized cabin. He added that the RAF would hold two major air exercises to test both air defences and the bomber force.—United Press.

ROADBLOCKS IN BANGKOK

Bangkok, Mar. 15.—Police named roadblocks were thrown up in Bangkok again tonight with the most stringent searching of persons and vehicles since the attempts to overthrow the Government on February 28.

One correspondent's car was stopped and he was searched five times within a mile of the city's central area. The searchers refused to stop whether the renewed roadblocks were motivated by a manhunt or an arms hunt.—Reuter.

Facing Spy Charges



New York, Mar. 15.—Valentin Gubichev, a Russian engineer, stood mute in a U.S. Federal Court today when Judge Simon Rifkind asked him to plead on an indictment accusing him of espionage.

The Judge then directed that a plea of not guilty be entered on his behalf and fixed the trial for April 1.

His bail of \$100,000 was continued for this United Nations employee.

He will be tried with Judith Coplon, attractive Department of Justice employee, who is on a \$20,000 bail. She allegedly provided him with U.S. Government documentary information.

Gubichev, in continuing to refuse to enter a plea, adhered to his contention that he is entitled to diplomatic immunity.—Associated Press.

[Pictures above show Judith Coplon and Gubichev.]

STOP PRESS

May-Kwok Case: Jury Retire

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Tamil To Die For Carrying Arms

Singapore, Mar. 15.—A former President of the Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions, a 24-year-old Tamil named Gnanapathy, was today sentenced to death at Rawang, Selangor Province, for the illegal possession of a .45 calibre revolver. When arrested, Gnanapathy claimed he was on his way to surrender the weapon to the police. He added that he hid in the jungle when the emergency regulations were introduced last June.—Reuter.

FEDERAL UNION OF ATLANTIC NATIONS ENVISAGED

Washington, Mar. 15.—The former Supreme Court Justice, Mr. Owen Roberts, today announced the formation of the American Citizens Committee to work toward Federal union of the nations which sign the North Atlantic security pact.

Mr. Roberts and the former Secretary of War, Mr. Robert Patterson, told a press conference the Committee would ask Congress to pass a resolution calling for an international convention to explore the possibility of a "Federation of Atlantic democracies."

Mr. Roberts said such a federation would be within the framework of the United Nations.

"A union of the democracies will convince the Kremlin the democracies mean 'business,'" said Mr. Patterson. "The Kremlin will immediately see the creation of a federal defence force of nations would be far stronger than any staff agreement between separate nations."

CHEAPER INVESTMENT

Mr. Roberts said the United States would find it cheaper to federate with Europe than to continue paying the cost of European recovery and defence. He said the proposed federation would accomplish three things:

1. Strengthening of the United Nations.

2. Raising the living standards for all participating countries and lowering of overall defence costs.

3. "It would make democracy so powerful that the Kremlin could not hope to start war with any prospect of success."

Another Committee member, the former Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Will Clayton, said in a statement that an "economic merger of world democracies" was necessary to "strike off the shackles of economic nationalism."

The Committee's officers include Mr. Roberts as President;

Mr. Patterson and Mr. Clayton as vice-presidents; Mr. Walden Moore, former American Military Government official in Germany, as secretary; Mr. Elmo Roper, public opinion analyst, as treasurer.

WAR PREVENTION

Members include prominent businessmen, religious and civic leaders, publishers, educators and other well-known men and women throughout the nation.

Mr. Roberts expressed the belief that the North Atlantic pact would be an immediate step to prevent war and bring the democracies closer together, but he warned that the pact would not be sufficient in itself to ensure permanent peace.

Mr. Clayton warned in his statement, "Russia is on the march, determined to communise the world."

"There is only one way to stop Russia, short of war. Democracy must be made to work in all those lands which are still free. In economic terms, democracy works when people have more to eat, more to wear and better homes in which to live."

"This rising standard of living can only be realised in the modern world by increasing the world's productive capacities, through striking off the shackles of economic nationalism and by reducing armaments."—United Press.

No More Jap War Trials

Washington, Mar. 15.—The Far Eastern Commission has decided that there will be no further trials of Japanese on charges of having "planned, prepared or conspired to wage a war of aggression."

A directive to this effect has been sent to General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Japan.

One effect of the decision is to render even less likely the possibility that Emperor Hirohito may one day be charged with having planned or conspired in an aggressive war.

Previous policy decisions by the Commission have mechanically left the Allies free to take whatever action they felt desirable against the Emperor, but it has been considered in the interest of Japanese democratization to grant the Emperor immunity to war criminal proceedings.

CLOSING THE DOOR

The Emperor could only be charged as a class "A" criminal, and the Commission's decision is regarded as further closing the door on the prospect of action against him.

The Commission emphasised today that trials of class "B" and "C" offenders—violation of the laws and customs of war, and crimes against humanity, such as murder, extermination and enslavement—will continue.

The decision is a formal acknowledgment by the Commission that all Japanese who could be successfully prosecuted on these so-called cases of "A" crimes have already been tried and either convicted or discharged.

It is designed, a Commission official explained today, to remove uncertainty about the possibility of them being charged as class "A" criminals from the minds of the Japanese and thus to have a beneficial psychological effect on the Japanese population as a whole.—Reuter.

VAIN ATTEMPT BY EIGHTY CONVICTS TO ESCAPE

Paris, Mar. 15.—Eighty convicts in Beauregard Prison, near Paris, were today wondering what informer gave away their escape bid to the warders. Last Sunday, the men completed a 100-foot tunnel which they had carved out with spoons and forks every night for three months.

One by one the men crawled through. But as each prisoner emerged blinking into the light, warders whisked him back into jail. The first three cut to "freedom" put up a fight, then panic broke out in the tunnel and armed warders at either end were able to herd the men back to their cells.

The prisoners, political agitators, petty thieves and hardened liars, began the tunnel in a cell from which they tore the floor boards. Each night they took it in turns to scrape away the earth in damp and darkness as they lay on their stomachs—first with spoons and forks, and later with empty fruit tins.

They brought out the soil in their pockets, emptying it into a prison lavatory. As the tunnel progressed, the men dug more feverishly. At the morning roll-calls, they hid their bleeding hands and broken nails.

Last Sunday morning, the signal was given for a final break-through. The men hoped to emerge into a small wood and bolt for Paris in the heavy rain. But the warders had had the signal too. With the help of security guards, they soon had the men back in prison.

THREE AT LARGE

Three men who had escaped from Beauregard by less elaborate methods, a week ago were still at large today.

At Aix-en-Provence, in Southern France, a warder went to see a prisoner, who had complained of a toothache. As he entered the cell, the prisoner kicked him in the stomach, seized his keys, and had opened

the door of nearly every cell in the prison before shots, fired by the warders, brought help. No prisoners escaped.—Reuter.



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EDITORIAL

Staggering Expenditure

THIS afternoon the Financial Secretary will present to Legislative Council estimated public expenditure for 1949-50 amounting to the staggering sum of \$179,586,970, which is nearly \$30 million more than the current year's estimates. It will be sombrely observed that this is an all-time record spending on the part of the Colony, and Mr. Folows may have a little difficulty in explaining just why such a huge bill is necessary. Many items in the published abstract of estimated expenditure call for enlightenment, which, presumably will be forthcoming today. The most astonishing sub-head is Subventions for which next year \$13,250,877 has been allocated compared with a mere three quarters of a million dollars for the current twelve months. Hitherto subventions have covered grants and subsidies to a variety of charitable and social welfare organisations. Last budget day these aids were increased from the 1947-48 total of \$193,860 to \$750,730, which included six new grants, three transfers from the Miscellaneous Services heading, and one transfer from the Medical Department heading. That increase at the time was recognised as being reasonable, but whether there will be similar reactions to the proposed new expenditure which makes it the third biggest item in the list of estimates is somewhat doubtful. There is a limit to what Hongkong can afford to pay in subsidising charities, and when the total represents nearly eight per cent of the budget, the question arises whether that limit is not being exceeded. The explanation for this startling increase in subventions may turn out to be that a number of grants and subsidies hitherto shown under other headings have been transferred to that of Subventions, but if it is shown that it is proposed to distribute an additional twelve and a half million dollars to organisations and institutions which

this year were happy to share \$750,000, the proposition is not likely to meet with general approval. While the biggest single increase is Subventions, it is worth noting that Miscellaneous Services are up by eight million dollars, much of which probably is absorbed by additional high cost of living allowances, while it is possible a more substantial grant is needed by the Hongkong University. Public Works Extraordinary shows an increase of nine million dollars, while a further two million is demanded for Public Works Recurrent. A better appreciation of what this means in terms of public services will be gained when the itemised accounts are available, but it can be reasonably assumed that most of this additional expenditure is to be absorbed by long-term projects the cost of which is being spread over a number of years. The prospects of any big new undertaking for the general benefit of the public being put in hand under the 1949-50 estimates are fairly slight. The Police Department is calling for nearly two million more dollars, but there will be little cavilling about this, inasmuch that the Force has still to be brought up to full strength, while it is appreciated that to make it as effective as possible it is necessary to provide modern equipment, and facilities for mobility. Two important departments whose estimates are substantially decreased are Education and the Medical Department, the former requiring \$7 million and the latter \$3 million less than the current year. The public will be interested to know how these savings are being brought about. In fact, it can be taken for granted that the Financial Secretary's budget speech will this year attract more attention than it ever has before, more especially that section of it which indicates how it is proposed to raise sufficient revenue to cover expenditure of \$179,500,000.

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**Sonja, 36, is still
top of the bill**

By **FREDERICK COOK**

SONJA ON THE ICE

THE biggest drawing card the American sports world has ever seen, the girl who has worn down every rival, this smiling blonde who looks like a schoolgirl, but is actually one of the great athletes of our time and one of its cleverest business women, is packing them in again at Madison Square Garden.

I'm talking, of course, about little Sonja Henie, who in her time has taken more than £2,500,000 from at least 18,000,000 people (not counting moviegoers), who was Olympic champion in 1928, who can still fill with the utmost ease every one of the Garden's 16,500 seats (top price 30s., cheapest 7s. 6d.) and send the customers away dazzled.

Sonja is 36 now. But she can skate a couple of husky men partners into panting exhaustion, and still go on a couple of hours more with scintillating solo acts. Then walk out and dance half the night.

And she has a wizard capacity for holding on to what she makes and arranging for her money to multiply all by itself.

Today she is boss of her own ice show over at the Garden.

She designs all the costumes. She rehearses the cast. Not an act or a gesture goes into any part of it without her personal approval.

In addition, she runs the semi-permanent ice show across the street in New York's Radio City.

She owns blocks of flats in Chicago, a large wholesale firm not far away, a chunk of real estate in California, including a full-size ice stadium, houses

of her own in fashionable Southampton, Long Island; Florida and Beverly Hills, California.

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By **ALICE ALDEN**

THE PEDAL-PUSHER, practical and smart, is working its way nicely into the ranks of costumes for the beach as well as for bicycle wear. Celanese tropical cloth in used for this number, which is really a one-piece affair. It has a cleverly devised trimming band that continues to form a pocket over the right hip. The band may be pine green, navy or cinnamon brown, all nice shades to let off the spanking white.

**Leather From
Salmon Skin**

The Pacific American Fisheries Industry has announced the new product as the latest for millady's shoes and handbags.

The big salmon canning concerns report the new-type leather as a by-product of a new process of preserving the fish with both the skin and the backbone removed. Invention of skinning and boning machines is a development in the food processing technique.

An ingenious attachment removes a thin layer of skin with the fish scales. The resulting leather is described as smooth, pliable and non-porous. It can be tanned and dyed.

Skins of Pacific Coast salmon are large enough to give them an edge over reptile skins for handbags. They are also thicker than reptile skins.

The leather trade is now studying the new creation for possible uses. — Associated Press.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Whitewash can be removed by applying a solution of a pound of soda dissolved in two and one-half gallons of water. Apply liberally and repeatedly. When it is soaked, it can be scraped off, and the wall washed. Whitewash which is loose and scaly may be removed in part by applying a strong glue size. As the glue dries, it will pull off the whitewash.

Keep the milk in the dark, as light destroys riboflavin, that important B vitamin in milk. Provide a covered box for the milkman to put your milk in when he delivers it.

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Do You Clean Efficiently?

IT'S a good idea to have a regular schedule for those special cleaning tasks that come every month or two as well as for the daily and weekly chores. Then, with your lists made, time recorded, steps for greater efficiency noted, it is time to put the plan together in order to have a cleaner house by 12 o'clock, and with less effort on your part, too.

The next step is to fit the various jobs that run from daily to weekly to monthly, to a day-by-day plan that overlooks nothing and yet is evened out so that each day has its fair share.

Your first entries should be in pencil. Use large sheets of paper. Name the different tasks by a key word or two, or by a number or letter. In

A Clothes Revolution In The United Kingdom

By **WINEFRIDE JACKSON**

THE word "utility"—defined in the dictionary as "the state or quality of being useful"—has also acquired a new meaning in Britain during the last few years. It denotes smart fashions of good quality. Today a woman can go into any fashion store and ask for a utility suit, coat or dress and know that at a reasonable cost she can buy a garment of good material that has all the latest fashion details from the London and Paris dress shows.

This revolution in fashion began during the years of World War II. The Government planned to allow a large quantity of good quality cloth to be sold tax-free, and directed manufacturers to make clothes conforming to specifications strictly laid down and had its feeling troubles, naturally, but a lead was given by many prominent manufacturers who realised that although they had been set a problem in designing clothes at rock-bottom prices, it was to their advantage that they should succeed. They knew that women would never wear clothes that were unflattering.

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with, here must be no skimping on seams—indeed, government specifications for "utility" clothes forbade such a thing.

At last a formula was found, and the new designs, adapted and simplified, were released. Flared and pleated skirts "balanced" the place of the too-full "balloon" skirt which first earned these clothes the name of the "New Look." This pleased everyone, since women knew very well that few but the very young and slim could wear them. The tiny waisted jacket which accompanied the skirt was also modified and became more tailored to suit the average woman's figure.

Pleasing And Feminine

The result was a pleasing and feminine silhouette that set a new high standard of fashion for utility, and it has even influenced the fashions coming from the leading fashion houses with the result that a slimmer and more tailored line will be the vogue in 1949.

Today more and more women are the converts are those who previously paid quite high prices for their dresses. Then apparently they decided that it was hardly worth doing when, within three months of the utility adaptations were being shown everywhere in the shops—the hour-glass silhouette, the slim suit with the new cut-away jacket, the peplum dress, the hooded sweater, and the fly-away coat with the back fullness beautifully tailored and seamed.

This new versatility in utility fashions has been the result of a complete overhaul in mass production. It has brought new high-speed methods of cutting, more scientific sizing to cover most of the vagaries of a woman's figure, and the concentrated training of young workers. There are inspectors, both in factories and shops, to see that the quality of work is maintained and customers are encouraged to thoroughly examine the clothes before they buy them. Criticisms are sent by the shops to the manufacturers and, if justified, are put right.

Checks Popular

Apart from design, utility clothes are kept in line with the smartest fabrics and colours. This year, for instance, checks are popular again and this is reflected throughout the utility collections. The new shades which were shown in the collections of highly priced clothes by famous designers are repeated—burnt orange with black, navy with burnt-orange, donkey-brown, sugar-pink, and a great deal of silver-grey.

The utility scheme in Britain has not only resulted in keeping prices at a reasonable level for goods that are worth the money, thus permitting the average woman to dress well at a cost within her income; it has another achievement as important to its credit. The standards set have resulted in the elimination of those unnecessary trimmings which, in previous days, were often added to suits and dresses in the cheaper grades of clothing in order to hide bad making and design. Today utility clothes are copies of the best styles, not the worst.

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Insect-Proof Wardrobes

The latest movable wardrobes and chests are specially treated to protect clothing from insects and mildew. The inside surfaces are coated with a five percent solution of D-D-T and mildew preventative. The outside surfaces are finished with a grained blond maple or a dark knotty pine effect—then coated with plastic to make them easily washable.

The most expensive wardrobe in the line is a little more than five feet high with a full length, centre mirror panel. Packed ready to put up when the buyer gets it home, the wardrobe sells for around US\$20.

One of the most inexpensive additions to the line is a chest made to roll easily under the bed.



Full-skirted, light-waisted gown of satin and silk, four-row pearl and diamond spray necklace matching diamond earrings, diamond bracelet.

Designers' wife Mrs. Dicky Morton at the ballet in London.

Ill-Fitting Shoes No Bargain



Style and comfort are combined in these pretty navy kid pumps with matching leather soles for flexible comfort.

By **HELEN FOLLETT**

FEMININE feet take a lot of punishment. The way many women neglect their poor twining trotters is cruel and inhuman. In many cases they are screaming out for release from the bondage of ill-fitting shoes that produce corns, callouses, ingrowing nails. If the sufferer will set out with the stern purpose of finding high grade leather casings with flexible leather soles that provide comfort without pressure, her poor feet will become tranquil.

But will she? Chances are no. She will go to a chiropodist who will give her the necessary treatment, do everything possible to give her relief and who will tell her that the right shoes will be the solution. To this suggestion she will give no heed. She hobbles around in the same lasts, and soon the corns and callouses are back again. It just doesn't make sense.

Wherever there is pressure on the flesh of the foot, nature produces a cushion of dead skin cells as a means of protection. These cushions develop into corns. Removal is only a temporary cure. How much more sensible to wear shoes that are sufficiently wide, give the toes wiggle room, have moderate heels that permit the foot to assume a natural position.

It is bad enough to sacrifice foot health to the false idea as to what is smart or beautiful. It is even worse to destroy the fine lines of the body by poor posture that is bound to appear if one cannot move with grace and ease.

Sore feet mean that correct posture is impossible. The chest is contracted, the abdominal muscles go slack, the ankles thicken. It is a vicious circle.

Use Herbs for Seasoning

Let's Eat
BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"I AM glad to see that home-makers are becoming enthusiastic about experimenting with herbs for seasoning. Good chefs have always used herbs," remarked the Chef. "I would not be able to season well if I did not have my herb tray."

"When I was apprentice to the grand chef, my training made this deep wooden cutlery tray with a handle in the middle," he added, lifting it and looking it over with evident satisfaction. "With thin pieces of wood I divided it into eight compartments, one for each of the herbs most used in cooking. Every summer I put in fresh chopped herbs. During the rest of the year I use the dried herbs. They are always ready to give the special touch."

"Ze trick of ze Chef," I teased.

Each Compartment

"Always I have sage," he went on smiling and pointing to each compartment. "The sage is for the heavy meats, the pork, sausage, goose and duck. Then I have marjoram, savoury, and thyme, each in a compartment. These are more delicate, and should be used with meats and poultry of mild flavour, such as veal, chicken, guinea hen and squab. For lamb and mutton I have mint. For beef I have basil, and for fish and some chicken dishes I have tarragon. For all savoury foods, I have the dried parsley. The garlic and the shallots I keep separate."

"And of course, we always have a pot of chives growing on the window-sill," I remarked. "They're so good with fish and eggs. But there's one herb that shouldn't be used with eggs, that's sage, for strangely enough it adds a fishy taste. And oregano, or Mexican sage, must be carefully used too."

"I like that 'in spaghetti sauce,'" said the Chef. "Of course the good chef is known by the precision, or shall we say, the discretion with which he uses the herbs. It is not usually a good plan to add more than a little of one or two kinds to a dish, and then only enough to give a soupçon, or just a taste, of flavour. And only one or two herb seasoned dishes should be served in the same meal. The object of good seasoning is to bring out the natural taste. It should never be a camouflage."

Using Herbs

When starting to use herbs, go easy. In a dish for four persons use about 1 tablespoon minced fresh herbs, or 1 teaspoon dried herb, or from ½ to ½ teaspoon of a powdered herb. If a dried herb is not cooked in the food, as in making a casserole, steep (let it stand), 5 minutes in ¼ tablespoon hot water or liquid

Many root vegetables are greatly improved in flavour by the use of mint, chives, parsley or marjoram, and dried beans become a delightful surprise when seasoned with basil.

Dinner

Tomato Soup with Ham Croutons
Curried Lima Beans
Apple Chutney
Kale Boston Brown Bread
Peach Shortcake
Whipped Topping
Coffee or Tea (Milk (Children))

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serves Four

Curried Lima Beans

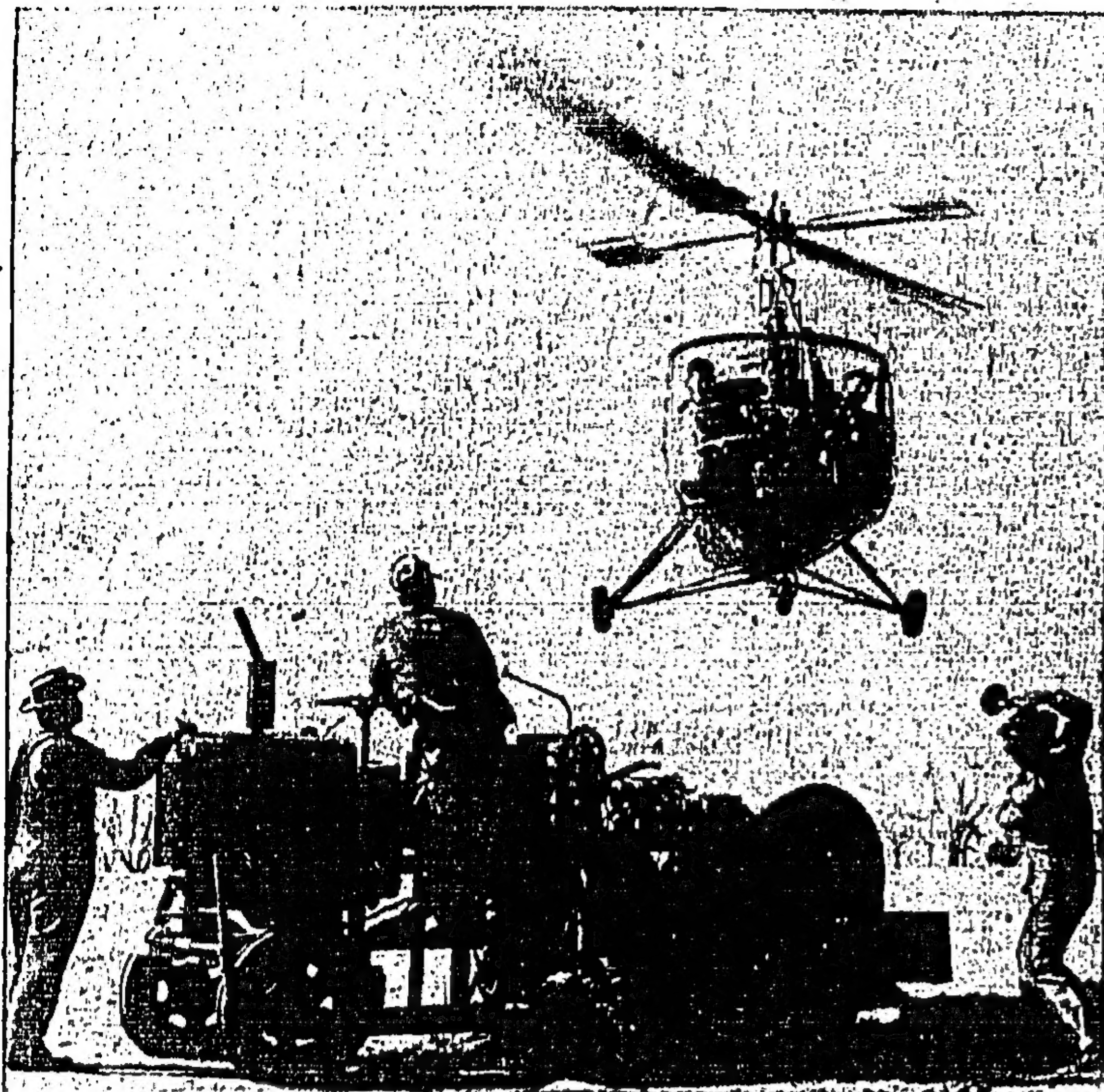
Pick over 1 lb plain navy or pea beans; rinse and place in a kettle. Cover with boiling water. Put on a lid and let stand 50 min. Do not drain. Add 2 tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. powdered basil, and slow-broil until tender, from 2 to 2½ hrs. (Or pressure-cook 35 min. at 15 lbs. pressure.) When done the water should be exactly absorbed. Combine the beans with a curry sauce. Transfer to an oiled, fireproof casserole, and bake 30 min. in a hot oven, 375 F, to season through and dry out. Accompany with chutney or pickle relish.

Curry Sauce for Beans: Rub a pt.-sized saucapan with a cut section garlic. In melt 2 tsp. butter or margarine; add 2 tsp. finely-diced onion and saute until yellowed. Stir in 1½ tsp. flour. Then add ½ c. chopped sweet red or green peppers, ½ tsp. powdered basil and 1 c. tomato juice. Season with ¼ tsp. sugar, 1/3 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper and 1 tsp. curry powder blended with 1 tsp. water. Simmer 10 min. Stir in 1 tsp. minced parsley just before serving.

Apple Chutney

Wash, core, pare and chop 18 tart cooking apples and 1 large peeled onion. Core and seed 3 green peppers and mince fine. Combine the apples, onions and peppers with 1½ c. chopped raisins, 3 c. mild cider vinegar and 2 c. wine vinegar, 1 tsp. salt, 1½ (6 oz.) glasses currant or other tart jelly, 1½ c. granulated or light brown sugar, juice 4 lemons, 1½ tsp. ground ginger and ¼ tsp. cayenne. Stir until mixed. Simmer uncovered over a low heat until as thick as jam, about 2 hrs. When the mixture gets quite thick, put on an asbestos mat and finish cooking. Seal boiling hot in sterilized jars.

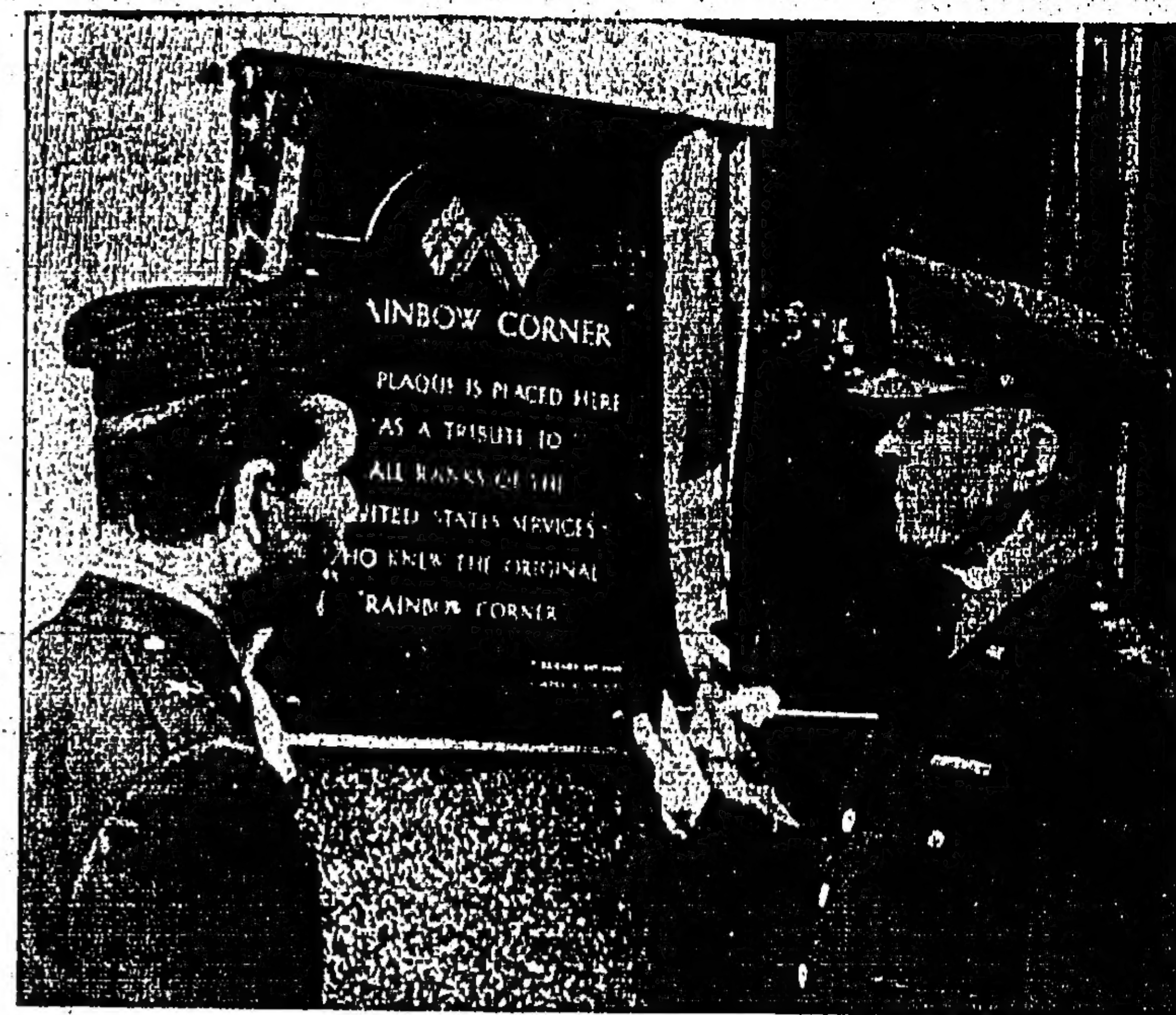
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



CROSSING THE STATES—On a trans-continental flight from Palo Alto, California, to Atlanta, Georgia, this helicopter stops in midair over a golf course in Dallas, Texas. Known as the Hiller 360, the machine covered 54,000 miles in reaching its goal.



SELF-DESIGNED—When Parisian designer Elsa Schiaparelli arrived in New York for a visit, she obligingly introduced a new style. Her matching booties and hat are made of ocelot, and she carries an enormous carry-all handbag.



FORMER HAVEN—Attending the unveiling of a plaque at Rainbow Corner, in Piccadilly Circus, London, are Brigadier General John Ackerman, left, and Major John Leonard, of the U.S. Embassy. The wartime recreation centre provided happy memories for thousands of GIs.



NEW FOURSOME—En route from Bremerhaven, Germany, to Los Angeles, California, Baby, a cocker spaniel, encountered the stork in Freeport, New York. The bird left a litter of four for Baby to look after. When her new family arrives at the home of Lt. Thomas Pickering, Baby's owner, there will also be an unexpected veterinarian's bill.



SKATING CHAMPS—Dick Button, centre, U.S. winner of the men's world figure skating title for the second year, talks in Paris with two other champions. Alena Vrzanova, right, of Czechoslovakia, won the women's title, and Yvonne Sherman, left, of New York, was runner-up. Button and Miss Sherman look elated, but perhaps Miss Vrzanova had reached a language barrier.



INTERESTING—Pat Walcott models a tablecloth-check dress in New York. In black and white cotton, it features an off-shoulder neckline. A bunch of flowers at the waist revives a style of years ago.



PRACTICE—Martha Rupp, left, of Springvale, and Alice Hildreth, of Portland, Maine, get in some practice with their college ski team. Four inches of snow graced the slope of Vermont's Bread Loaf Mountain Snow Bowl at the time.



ACTIVE—Swedish actress Viveca Lindfors is taking up fencing as a hobby. Believing the sport contributes to grace and poise, she is learning to handle a foil from instructor Fred Cavens, well-known fencing and duelling expert.



CEREMONY ON VISITING CRUISER—When the Argentine cruiser, Almirante Brown, arrived in New York on a courtesy visit, it was an occasion for ceremony. Capt. Carlos A. Garzon, the ship's commander, left, here accompanies Comdr. Alvin Robinson, USN, representing the Commandant of the Third Naval District, on an inspection of the guard of honour aboard the cruiser.



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THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF FREDA UTLEY

BACK in England I throw myself into the work of the British Communist Party, and tried to bury in my subconscious the growing suspicions concerning Soviet socialist life engendered by my year in Tokyo, and by the fortnight I had spent in Moscow on my way home in 1929.

I campaigned for the British Communist Party among the textile workers in Lancashire, and also in Sheffield.

My husband sent me money to live on and I didn't take a penny from the Communist Party, even for my articles and pamphlets.

In speaking to the Lancashire cotton operatives and writing for them, for the first time I came up against the basic dilemma of the Marxist revolution, and the obstacle of the Comintern's cold and selfish indifference to the troubles of the working class, or its fate outside of Russia.

I came up against the Comintern, pursuing an ultra-left policy and insisting that agitation, and agitation alone, was the task of the Communist. We were ordered not to make theoretical explanations, nor to waste our time or energy in exposing the dynamics of capitalism. We were only to foment strikes, to tell the workers to strike, and strike whatever the consequences!

Sole Objective
THE Comintern, in fact, was not concerned with the livelihood of foreign workers; it wished only to weaken the capitalist countries by continual strikes and the dislocation of economic life. The sole objective of the Communist International was the safety of Soviet Russia, and it recked nothing of the interests or sufferings of the workers.

Finally I got myself into trouble with the Politbureau of the Party in London by writing an article which the editor of the Communist Review inadvertently had allowed to be published.

Through my article was buttressed by quotations from Lenin—I was told by my Communist superiors that I had deviated seriously from the Party line by maintaining that theory was of primary importance, and an intellectual, accordingly, need not play at being a proletarian, since he had an important part to perform in bringing knowledge of socialism to the working class. I was not directly accused of Trotskyism but I was held to be slightly tainted with heresy.

Nevertheless, at this stage of my Communist experience, I did not have enough sense to see that nothing good would come out of Soviet Russia, and that the foreign Communist parties were already corrupted and impotent.

No Passports
AFTER a year's work in England I went to Moscow, Arcadi having written he would join me there.

After hurrying to Moscow in September to meet Arcadi, I was disappointed to learn that my husband had been ordered to China before coming to Russia. He did not join me until January. I had three months alone in Moscow during which I became aware of what manner of society and government was being created under Stalin.

LOST ILLUSION

This is the third of ten articles by the well-known English writer on her experiences with Russian Communism, in which she exposes the terror of Stalin's despotism and the oppression of the Russian masses by the new Kremlin "aristocracy."

where his mail probably was opened and read by an OGPU agent. Anything I wrote critical of the Soviet Union would endanger his life if, after all, he decided to return to Russia.

Although I was aware in my subconscious that our dream was already lost, I clung to my illusions. I would not yet admit, even to myself, that Russia had already gone too far along the road to bureaucratic tyranny.

Life in Russia, as I was soon to find out, consisted in learning the painful lesson that there was far more bad than good, and that the good was disappearing so rapidly that there was soon nothing but bad.

While awaiting Arcadi I lived with his sister, Vera, and her two sons in their tiny room apartment. This was the House of the "Political Hard-Labour Prisoners"—those who had done hard labour in Siberia under the Tsar.

Vera had been sent to prison from Poland while still in her teens but escaped later. Her first child had died as a baby on the long trek in the snow across Siberia to the prison camp. Trying to shield it from the cold she had suffocated it in her arms.

Her second son, Shura, survived and was now a youth of 18 studying engineering at the Moscow University. Vera also had an adopted son, Grisha, whom she had taken in infancy from a poor peasant family in Siberia which had so many children it could not feed them.

Her fate and Arcadi's were to be similar. She was arrested and disappeared in 1937, a year later than Arcadi, when most of the inhabitants of the Hard Labour House were purged because their revolutionary pasts made Stalin fear that they might turn their revolutionary techniques against him.

Vera unquestioningly gave me shelter and shared her food with me. Having no job, I had no bread card. A post was offered me at the Marx Engels Institute, but only if I signed a contract for three years. Since I did not know whether or not Arcadi and I were going to America, I could not take it.

Cold And Hungry

THOSE were cold and hungry days. In the morning we had a meal of potatoes, bread and herring, which was the most nourishing food available to the poorer Russians. I subsisted on bread and potatoes until 5 p.m., when four of us shared a dinner for three to which they were entitled. It consisted of cabbage soup and chopped meat balls or pike, that heavy and unappetising member of the shark family, which seems to have been the only fish to survive the Revolution. We ate in the kitchen, which was also the bathroom. Getting a bath was a matter of luck, since we never knew at

what hour and on what days the water would be heated for the hundreds of flats in our building. We were among the privileged. Rarely again in Moscow was I to live in a house where hot water was supplied even once or twice a week.

As I walked the streets the sadness of the atmosphere, the drab, grim-faced crowds, the miserable peasants selling a few rotten apples or picked cucumbers at the street corners, the homeless children, wet and hungry—depressed my spirits.

I spent a good deal of time going to offices inquiring about the flat promised us, and for which we had already paid \$500 in foreign currency and far more in roubles.

Already the world of these foreign Communists in Moscow seemed far removed from their own. Most of them lived in the Lux Hotel and had no worries about food or shelter. They knew nothing of the life of the ordinary Russians, and spent their time discussing theory, organisation, and foreign affairs, gossiping about each other within their own closed-off world.

I felt a growing barrier between them and myself. For them all was for the best in the best of all possible worlds, the U. S. R. R. To question it even when the evidence was completely to the contrary was dangerous heresy.

I perceived that high Communist Party functionaries were getting the best of everything and that all the sacrificing was being done by the dumb crowds, the dragooned peasants and the helpless workers.

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POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"If the Government go on fully pointing out to the voters the prospects of a C.V.R. there's a by-election, the Americans'll be suing us for back payments by Christmas."

C.V.R. Thompson One word shocker

NEW YORK.
THE big question in America today is: Should the President of the United States use cuss words in public?

President Truman used one, or rather its abbreviated version, in another of his famous impromptu speeches recently. It was applied to the Washington columnist, Drew Pearson.

Pearson has been attacking President Truman's bluster military aide, Major-General Harry Vaughan for accepting a medal from the Argentines.

At a dinner honouring Vaughan, the President said that no — was going to get him to unseat any members of his staff or Cabinet "by smart-Aleck statements."

The radio censored the President, paraphrasing his phrase with "blankety-blank," or with "barrack-room language," or with a short silence. So did official reports of his speech.

But in every newspaper his cuss word made headlines. And it was not long before the protests came in.

The International Council of Christian Churches sent off a telegram. It said: "The language of a Christian people, degrading to our youth, and humiliating before nations of the world. We call upon you to apologise to the American people."

The American people as a whole, however, had this comment: "It was rather cute of him."

EXPERTS in the slang used behind America's lunch counters will find a change in the method of ordering a colleague—to toast—what is known locally as an English muffin. The old phrase was "Burn an English." And the new phrase is "Burn a Churchill."

SPRING is not here yet, but so many eggs that the Government is already buying \$4 million eggs every week to maintain prices under a keep-the-farmers-prosperous programme. The Government is still stuck with 78 million dozen eggs it bought for the same reason last year. And there is not a prospect of a buyer for them.

EVEN YOUNGSTERS are becoming infected by the questioning. From Denver a schoolteacher reports that she has confiscated a love note from a girl to a boy. And it read thus: "Dear Herbie. Do you love me? (Yes) (No). Please strike out the word that doesn't apply."

SHOW BUSINESS. Asked why he did not turn up at a dinner where again he was named crooner of the year, Bing Crosby replied: "I didn't ask them to name me." ... A Broadway production of "Richard III," closed after only 23 performances because, according to its producer, "local taste has more sympathy with Mac West than with Shakespeare."

The most unpopular book in Hollywood is a new almanac which lists the real ages of all the stars.

Sitting on the Fence....by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"It means I know there's a wedding party still going on somewhere," said the Sparrow, flying off in a great hurry to the Tree Tops Club.

In A Safe Hotel
"DON'T mess about with that little bit of toast, Muriel. Either finish it up or leave it. 'All right!'"

"And then go out for a good strapping walk up the mountain road. It's a lovely morning. Get some oxygen into that blood of yours."

"I've got a bit of a headache," said Muriel. "I would like to remember any period in your life, Muriel, when you haven't had a bit of a headache. What you need is exercise and fresh air to get your liver working. Do you feel sick?"

"Not very." "Well, you ought to, with a complexion like that. When you came down to breakfast your face was the colour of a Camembert cheese. Of course, your real trouble, Muriel, is that you eat too much."

"I didn't have any dinner last night." "That was because you had too much at lunch-time. You were always very lucky with your portions."

"I didn't have any more than you." "Don't argue, Muriel. I have eyes in my head. You had a whole leg of chicken, a generous slice of the breast, a lot of rich stuffing, and too many greasy potatoes. And then you had to fill up with date pudding. I wonder when the war with Russia's going to start."

"Never, I hope." "We all hope it won't Muriel. Any fool has enough sense to hope for the best. The point is, if it's not going to start, what are we here for?"

"I don't know." "You know perfectly well 'we' came to the Western Highlands to put a mountain between ourselves and the atom bomb. You chose the hotel, you chose the mountain, and now you say it's no protection at all."

He calls them, "honourable scars in the lists of love" and says I am his "honey-cat, sweetie-pie and sugar-puss."

I don't know about you, Pusskins, but I do so like to go out with a cat who knows his way about, who never asks you where you want to go, but just takes you there, and knows how to deal with waiters who try to stop you getting into 'hotel' kitchens.

One who tried to stop Manhattan Mouser was neatly tripped up while carrying six plates of soup up his arms and while we had steamed turbot with the chef.

It's also nice to be with somebody who knows everybody. Although a foreigner, Manhattan Mouser knows the chefs of all the hotels and night clubs, all the black market nab-cans, and all the most exclusive flats in London.

From all this, darling—Pusskins, I hope you won't jump to conclusions. M.M. and I are just good friends and no more, though I must admit he is sometimes a difficult cat to handle.

Sometimes I wish he wouldn't harp so much on my "sexual chassis." After all, a girl likes to think that her brains are appreciated, too.

But somehow you can't take offence when he says "Nobody but a sucker ever took a doll for a whirl on account of her brains."

We had a perfectly wonderful party on some tiles in Mayfair the night before last. The dustbin outside the top flat was simply filled with the most gorgeous tibbits.

M.M., who knows everything, says he chose the roof of this flat because one of the chief black market operators lives there.

But like most Mayfair parties, it ended up with trouble.

I don't want to brag, but some other cats there also thought I had a "sweet chassis," and one of them made a pass at me while M.M. was finishing off a tin of real French sardines.

M.M. moved so fast that the other cat didn't know what hit him till he was clasped to the edge of the roof and thrown into the area below.

When I said to M.M.: "You might have killed him," he replied, "So what? He wouldn't be the first dope I have bumped off for musing in on a dame."

Pusskins, darling. This is loving. I am thrilled.

Yours ever, LOTTIE.

NANCY Intuition



PWD Larceny Trial Summing-Up

Mr Justice Williams in the Criminal Sessions this morning began his summing-up in the PWD larceny trial in which Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, and Arthur Frederick May, 41, electrical inspector grade I, are charged with three counts of theft of Government property and three of falsification of documents with intent to defraud the Government of money.

Kwok is not legally represented, but May is defended by Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart, while Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, is for the prosecution, assisted by Mr J. Johnston, ASP.

Addressing the jury of five men and two women, Mr Justice Williams said he would like to draw their attention to an observation made by the defence Counsel that May was a man of good character and had done good work and that, therefore, he was a man of all people who had a right to expect that he be given a British trial.

"I don't think that Counsel meant to say that he has a right above any other person because this right to fair trial is one that every person possesses, whether he is a British subject or not," said his Lordship.

"I don't think that Counsel meant to say that you should give greater concern to May's case than to the case of first accused. This case arises out of the use of Government materials in private jobs. There is no need for me to tell you that the same rights of property attach to the Government as they do to private individuals. That property must be protected in the same way as the property of an ordinary individual and there is no difference," said his Lordship.

He then went on to explain that he had striven to have before the jury the evidence of the witnesses who knew best about the matter and had tried to show that the evidence was not reliable. He said he would prefer the jury to use the evidence that each accused had given as regards their own case. It was difficult to separate that evidence and he would ask the jury to try their best to bear that in mind when considering their verdict.

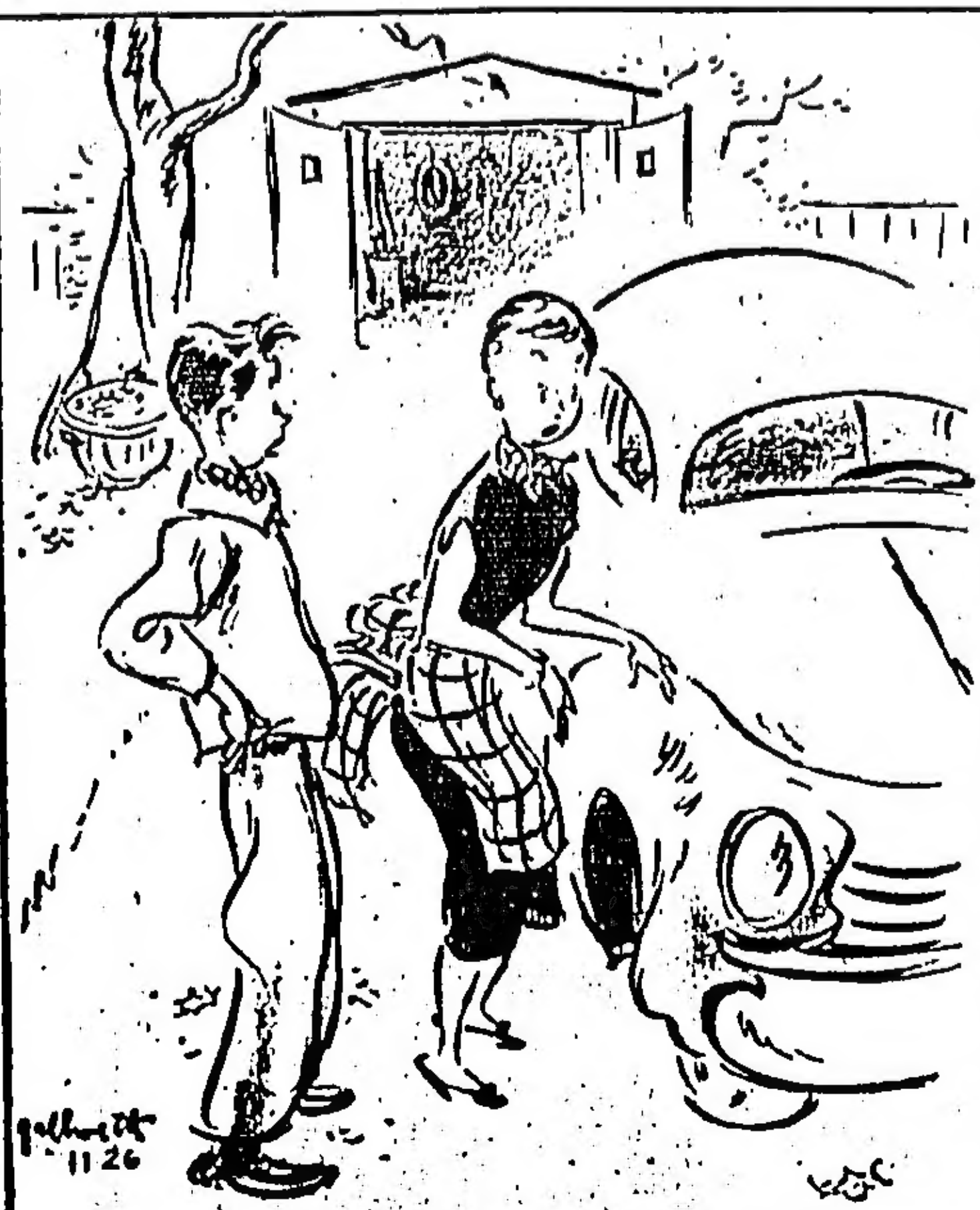
His Lordship then dealt briefly with the case for the Crown and the defence and explained that a person could be guilty of larceny though using an innocent agent to do it.

It was no defence in law for a person to say that he stole because he was ordered to do so. May's defence was that he never issued any orders to take the material nor did he know that it had been taken. He had signed the daily distribution and return reports as "in material" and had no knowledge that there was anything false in the returns.

His Lordship then reviewed the evidence and said that the jury would have no difficulty in deciding that the witness put into Dr. Thomas's house at Pokfulam was Government property but there was a conflict of evidence regarding the items put into Heilmeyer's office in Prince's Building, as Kwok Kwong had stated that only part of it was Government property.

Regarding the relationship of various persons connected with the case, his Lordship said that he would only state that Kwok Kwong was a clansman of Ho Sung, who was missing, and that May was a brother-in-law.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Mom, if you tell Pop before I get it fixed, you'll break our bi-partisan alliance—and then where will you be?"

Disaffection Spreading In Burmese Army

London, Mar. 15.—Official reports reaching London from Burma today said that the Karen rebel forces had gained control of practically the entire country, except for the capital of Rangoon.

Disaffection is spreading among Burmese Army units, according to reports. Units drawn from the hill tribes were reported to be showing "an increasing tendency to join forces with the Karens."

In London, meanwhile, Viscount Addison told the House of Lords that Britain was withdrawing its military mission to Burma.

He said: "In view of the closing down of the Army Staff training college at Maymye, where a part of the military mission was established, it was decided to withdraw our personnel and families."

Viscount Addison said the work of the mission was unavoidably ended, and the British Government had suggested to the Burmese Government that officers and men could be sent to the purpose of which they were posted to Burma and should be released for service elsewhere.

British nationals today evacuated Maymye, 40 miles from Mandalay in Central Burma. The British Consul left by air with seven other British subjects, thus completing the evacuation, except for a few civilians who have chosen to remain on their own responsibility.—United Press.

British Women Indulge In Shopping Spree

London, Mar. 15.—British women literally went to town by the thousands to celebrate the first day of ration-free clothing for eight years.

The main items on their shopping lists were lingerie and household linen. Housewives flocked into all big London stores. Shops reported a rush for underclothes, sheets, tablecloths and towels.

The biggest rush was for cotton tights and some stores started up their own rationing system, restricting customers to three pairs each. The small customer was looked after first. Big orders from hotels and boarding houses will have to wait.

Easter brides also went shopping today, now that they can have white weddings without spending the whole family's coupon allowance.

Despite the belief that women previously had deprived their menfolk of their clothing coupon, men's shops reported "no rush, the reason—no money."

When coupons were short, women spent their own coupons and their husbands' on outer wear. They were reluctant to use coupons on clothing worn only for housework and on underwear.

Today they were buying as many as three and four sets of expensive lingerie at a time, and cotton pinfibre dresses and overalls.—Reuter.

mic crisis was bright.

SCAP Closes Moscow-Tokyo Cable Link

Tokyo, Mar. 15.—Allied Headquarters today ordered the Japanese government to suspend the operation of the Tokyo-Moscow radio-telegram circuit.

The order said merely that "owing to administrative difficulties, no messages of any classification will be received or transmitted" over the circuit after 1 a.m. on March 16.

A Headquarters spokesman said the "difficulties" were disagreements between the Soviet government and the Soviet headquarters on accounting methods for the payment of tolls.

The order emphasised that messages between Japan and the USSR might continue to circulate by other radio-telegram or cable routes authorised by the Allied Headquarters.

Colonel M. P. Echols, General MacArthur's information officer, said there was no question of censorship or the cutting of communications between Japan and Russia.—United Press.

Travel To Continent Sterling Allowance To Be Raised

London, Mar. 15.—An announcement that the sterling allowance for holiday-makers travelling to Europe is to be raised this year from £35 to £50 is expected within the next 48 hours.

The allowance will cover at least 11 countries—France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Norway, Denmark, Austria, Italy and Luxembourg.

Travel to Switzerland and Belgium, both of which are hard currency countries, will be limited by quota. Belgium is believed to be the only country in the list not included in last year's arrangements. Sweden is expected to be excluded.

It is likely that this year's arrangements will include a small supplementary allowance for those wishing to travel to the continent by car. This allowance would be to cover incidental expenditure on petrol, oil and other requirements.

Travellers by rail may buy their tickets in Britain, which means that they do not need to cut their allocation of sterling for their fares.—Reuter.

Explosive Radios Sold

Detroit, Mar. 15.—Owing to a slip by an undisclosed government agency, radio sets containing explosives have been sold to the public as "war surplus."

The number was said to be above 1,500, but not all contained both explosives and detonators, which were designed to destroy the sets if their capture appeared imminent during the war.

The authorities have warned persons who bought the sets at a mere fraction of their cost, of the danger they face.—United Press.

Egyptian Armistice Signed



Delegates from Israel and Egypt sign armistice, settling territory disputes and ending hostilities between the two nations, on the Island of Rhodes. Top—Col. Mohammed Ibrahim Seif Ed-Din (centre), chief of Egyptian delegation, signs armistice as fellow delegates Col. Kamel El Kahman (left) and Col. Humail Sherrine watch. Bottom—Dr. Walter Eytan (right), of Israel foreign office, hands copy of armistice to Col. Yigael Yadin, chief of operations of Israeli army. —AP Picture.

Portugal May Join North Atlantic Pact

Washington, Mar. 15.—The Portuguese and United States Governments are discussing the possibility of Portugal joining the North Atlantic Security Alliance, Reuter learned authoritatively here today.

The talks are being conducted in Lisbon between the Portuguese authorities and the American Ambassador, Mr Lincoln McVeagh.

The most important point under discussion in Lisbon, according to usually well-informed sources here, is whether Portugal would be required to make bases, in either Portugal or the Azores, available to the other signatories of the pact in peacetime, and particularly to the United States.

Portugal is understood here to have made it clear that she does not wish to have to make bases available in peacetime, except as outlined in existing agreements.

It is regarded in Washington as improbable that Portugal will be able to reach a decision in time to join in the negotiations of the Alliance by the representatives of the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Norway, Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland.

These negotiators are expected to hold their last meeting here today and the text of the pact is due to be published next Friday. It is still hoped, however, that Portugal will be able to reach a decision in time to be a founder signatory of the pact in April.

Portugal made an agreement with the United States in January, 1947, by which facilities were granted to the Americans for air transport to North Atlantic.

This agreement has several more years to run, but it is stressed in official Washington circles that there is no connection between this agreement and the proposed North Atlantic Pact. Portugal would not accept any such connection.—Reuter.

US CONFERENCE

Washington, Mar. 15.—The State Department has summoned a "national conference in American foreign policy" to meet here this week for discussions which will include the North Atlantic Security Pact.

Mr Francis Russell, Director of the department, Office of the Secretary of State, told the United Press today that the policy conference will be similar to the three or four held in the past two years.

Approximately 200 persons will attend, representing business, farm, labour, religious, civic, foreign policy, scientific, educational and veterans organizations.

Besides the general conference, special discussions of President Truman's plan to furnish American technical and scientific assistance for the economic improvement of under-developed areas of the world.—United Press.

Deserters From Foreign Legion Tell Their Story

Canton, Mar. 15.—Joseph Rycktera, a 23-year-old Czech, is languishing in a Canton gaol charged with illegally entering China from French Indo-China. But he is not complaining. He says a Chinese gaol is "good" next to the "foreign legion" from which he deserted in October while on duty in Indo-China.

Rycktera, James P. Ryan, an American sailor, and two Germans reached Canton on March 1 after four months in Southwest China.

They are all charged with illegal entry, but as Ryan is listed by the United States Navy as a deserter he has been handed into US custody and taken to Japan.

Rycktera said he fled from Czechoslovakia when the Communists took over and his parents were put in a concentration camp.

The French caught him passing through their zone on the way to the British zone of Germany. They told him he could either join the French Foreign Legion or return to Czechoslovakia.

"If I had known what it was going to be like I would have gone back home," Rycktera said. He added:

"There are many people fleeing the iron curtain who get caught in the legion. They find life there even worse than in Communist countries. The Gestapo and Soviets have a lot to learn from the foreign legion when it comes to brutality."

"BURNED ALIVE"

Rycktera and his German friends say they fear more than anything else being forced to go back to Indo-China. "We have seen captured deserters from the legion burned alive," Guenther Ehrhardt claimed.

"They are shot in the legs to make them fall down. Kerosene is poured on them and a match applied."

Ehrhardt, who comes from the Soviet zone of Germany, says he fled to the French zone when the Russians threatened to put him to work in the uranium mines at Auer-Ober-Schleier in Saxony.

"Conditions in the mines are terrible," he declared. "The town is surrounded by barbed wire to keep out spies. It is just like a huge concentration camp."

The youngest of the trio of escapees is Frederick Goretzki, 18. He crossed from the British to the French zone one night early in 1948 to steal potatoes for his widowed mother and small brother.

He said he was picked up by the French and his mother had not heard from him since.—Associated Press.

European Council Session Ends

London, Mar. 15.—The European Western Union Consultative Council tonight ended a two-day session here, during which it considered what further measures member States should take to increase production of military supplies and equipment in view of the forthcoming conclusion of the North Atlantic Security Alliance.

An official communiqué, announcing this, added that the Council also decided to start discussions to set up the proposed Council of Europe on an Ambassadors level in London on March 28.

A Foreign Ministers' conference on this date was impossible because all Western Union Foreign Ministers would then be travelling to Washington to sign the Atlantic Pact.

It was therefore decided that the London Ambassadors of the powers concerned should meet on March 28 and that the Foreign Ministers should confer in London in April.

The communiqué, issued by the Secretary General of the Brussels Treaty Permanent Commission, said: "The fifth meeting of the Consultative Council... considered the latest developments in connection with the North Atlantic Pact."

The Council examined various aspects of the problems of the joint defence of the five powers. It considered what further measures should be taken particularly in regard to the production and financing of military supplies and equipment."

Improvement In Malaya

London, Mar. 15.—Colonial Office officials said today that the situation in Malaya was improving.

An official spokesman said: "Reports from Malaya today said that there had been steady and considerable improvement in the situation during the last three months. Nobody regards the situation with complacency, but from all accounts it is quite clear that things have improved recently."—United Press.

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U.S. AID TO CHINA TO CONTINUE?

Washington, Mar. 15.—Mr John Kee, Chairman of the United States House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, today introduced a bill providing authority to continue the present Chinese relief programme until the end of the year.

No additional funds would be supplied and military aid is not contemplated.

The present \$24,500,000 programme expires on April 3. The new bill would make any unspent balance available from then until December 31. Committee officials said the present balance is about £14,000,000.

Congress would still have to pass a separate bill appropriating more money for Chinese relief operations.
Mr Kee's bill would let the President give aid to recipients other than the Chinese Nationalist government. Thus it might be handled through an organization like the Red Cross.—Associated Press.

Israeli Accused Of

Violating UN Orders

Transjordan's Indignation

Amman, Mar. 15.—"The Jews have challenged the Security Council once more in their advance and occupation of Umm Rashrah and the Palestinian Red Sea coast," the Transjordan Premier, Huda Pasha, accused in a press conference this morning.

"The Jews are claiming that they have advanced into territory given to them by the UN's resolution, but the Security Council orders are clear that everybody should stay where they are and not take advantage of seizing new strategical positions. The Jews in their latest movement have violated UN orders and acquired a position on the Red Sea shore between the Egyptian and Transjordan borders," Huda Pasha said.

"They have previously defied the Security Council in the same manner by violating the truce and acquiring strategic positions in the Egyptian frontier before a final settlement," Huda Pasha continued.

The Prime Minister then expressed his regret that the Security Council had never taken any practical measures to impose its orders.

"The Jews have also violated the truce in the Jerusalem area, occupying the 'no-man's-land' delimited by the United Nations in Elotru Mountain."

He added that the Jews were asked to have part of this area by the Acting UN Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche.

THE AKABA GARRISON
The Prime Minister then denied having any information about the Jewish advance through Egyptian territory. "I believe they have advanced through Palestinian territory to the Egyptian borders," he added.

Speaking about the British Akaba Garrison, he said "the main purpose of the British limited force at Akaba is to defend the Southern Transjordan territory where our forces are not enough. We have the right to ask them if we find ourselves obliged to implement the Anglo-Transjordan Treaty to enlifle forces to help in defending the whole borders of Transjordan."

"British forces have not interfered in the latest Jewish movements in the Southern Negev because the Jews have not intentionally crossed the Transjordan borders."

"In the recent incidents where they crossed the Transjordan borders they have done it in unpopulated sterile areas of the land located in Akaba valley."

"Anyhow, the British government as well as the Acting Mediator, have promptly informed wherever and whenever the Jews have crossed Transjordan borders."

Huda Pasha then announced that "Transjordan should welcome a plebiscite in Palestine if such a decision was taken by the United Nations."

Asked if the Transjordan government recognises Haj Amin Hussein as representing the Palestinians, he said "the Transjordan government neither recognises Haj Amin, the Arab High Committee, nor any member of the Committee as representing the Palestinians."

"We will have to debate with them and will never allow any of them to work or have any activity in territories under our administration."

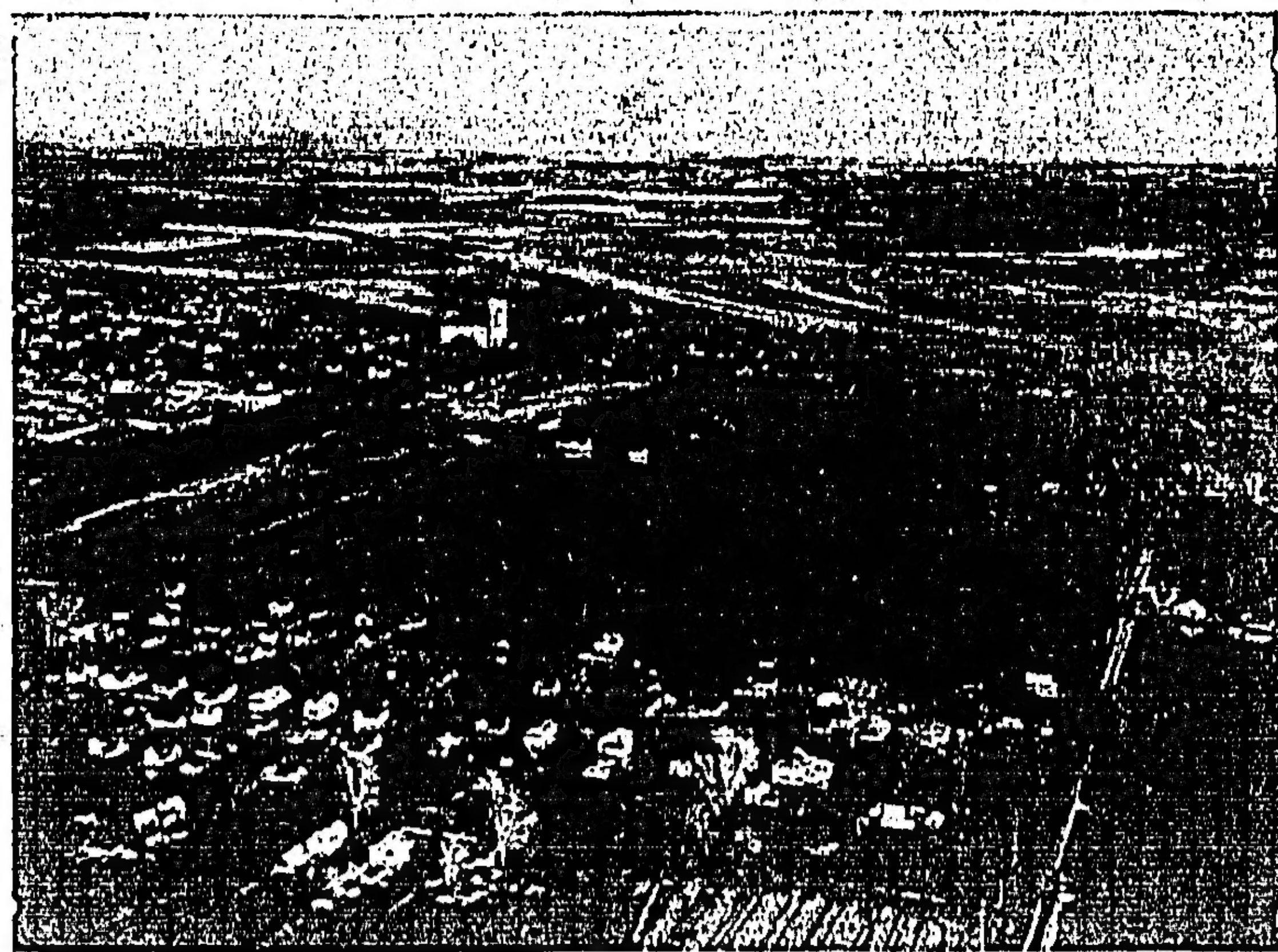
"We are, however, recognising the Palestinian people themselves. We have taken the responsibility of talking on their behalf, not on the basis of occupation, but on the basis of their rights."

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Flood Water Spreads Into Town



French Govt Survives Censure Motion

DEPUTIES CREATE UPROAR

Paris, Mar. 15.—The French Chamber of Deputies today rejected by 350 votes to 228 a motion of censure against the Government because it had refused to reopen a full-dress debate on Indo-China after the Cochinchina bill.

The Assembly then discussed the date for a hearing of another motion of censure, proposed by the Communist deputy, M. Jacques Duclos. The motion asked the Government to "end the war in Vietnam rapidly and sign an agreement with Dr Ho Chi Minh (the extremist autonomist leader.)"

Its wording was purposely similar to that of a letter sent by the Socialist Party to the Premier, M. Henri Queuille, in January.

The Socialists, who are members of M. Queuille's Coalition Government, asked the Premier to drop the negotiations with ex-Emperor Bao Dai of Annam, who has agreed to head the new Vietnamese Republic, and negotiate with Dr Ho Chi Minh.

The Opposition deputies intended to have the Communist motion debated before March 20, when the departmental elections begin.

NOT SERIOUS THREAT
The censure motion today—the first in the history of the three-year old Fourth Republic—was proposed by the Gaullist ex-Minister, M. René Capitant, and supported by the Communists.

It was not at any time felt to be a serious threat to the continued existence of the Queuille Government.

During the debate, several Ministers said they were not Communists and called on the Communist deputy to withdraw his "injurious remarks regarding the Government," or face expulsion from the debate.

To carry the motion of censure and overthrow the Coalition Government of M. Queuille, an absolute majority of 511 votes would be necessary in today's hearing.

Deputies hurried back to the debate from the provisional election campaigns.

MINISTERS WALK OUT
In a speech that provoked Communist cheers and counter cheers by their opponents, M. Duclos declared: "The Gaullists and the Government follow the same policy. The French Government is preparing for war and following the Hitlerite policy."

At this juncture, several Ministers and non-Communists walked out of the Chamber.

M. Andre Le Troquer, the Acting Speaker, shouting to make himself heard above the uproar, called upon M. Duclos to withdraw "his injurious remarks regarding the Government."

"If M. Duclos repeats such statements I shall ask the Assembly to make him withdraw," M. Troquer added.

There were further angry shouts from non-Communists when M. Duclos addressing the French Government, said: "You want to sell French blood to American millionaires."

M. Le Troquer again called M. Duclos to order. When M. Duclos left the tribune a few minutes later, the Ministers who had walked out, including the Socialist Minister of Agriculture, M. Jean Moch, and the Radical Minister of Education, M. Yvon Delbos, resumed their seats.

The Assembly dismissed by 402 votes to 106 a Communist proposal for a full-dress debate, in which every deputy would have the right to speak as long as he wished.

This aerial view shows a portion of the Southern Missouri valley, as flood waters from the Boyer river, forced out of the river channel and through a broken levee by an ice jam, spread into the town. A few hours after this picture was taken, 140 families had been evacuated from their homes and water was reported eight feet deep in spots. — AP Picture.

Festival Of Britain In 1951

London, Mar. 15.—Britain has a comprehensive traffic plan, including transportation by road, rail, water, even by foot, for the "Festival of Britain, 1951," the fair projected for the South bank of the Thames, opposite Victoria embankment.

The festival, marking the centenary of the great exhibition of 1851, will tell the story of British life during a century of progress in work, play, discovery, invention and design.

Provision for financing new traffic arteries and parking facilities are contained in a public works bill submitted in the House of Commons by Alfred Barnes, Minister of Transport.

£2,000,000 SCHEME
The traffic scheme, which will cost at least £2,000,000, includes new streets, underground passageways, escalators and water buses to the blitzed area on which the exposition will be built.

A new approach to the site will be by foot-bridge across the Thames from Charing Cross. This will be a "Bailey Bridge" project to avoid using new steel.

Parking space will be set aside for 4,000 cars. The bill provides for the acquisition of the land to carry out the schemes. More than 80 families will be rehoused and shopkeepers displaced by the exhibition will be re-established near the site. — Associated Press.

Capetown, Mar. 15.—Dr Daniel Malan, the South African Prime Minister, said today that consideration was being given to the holding of a conference in London to discuss certain aspects of Commonwealth affairs. No decision had been reached. — Reuter.

Offers \$50,000 To Rebuild Church
Rome, Mar. 15.—An American citizen has offered \$50,000 to build a church in the atom-bombed Japanese town of Hiroshima, Vatican Radio announced today.

The donor was quoted as saying that the Americans had destroyed the town and must therefore contribute to its reconstruction. — Reuter.

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LOTTERY FOR ROYAL SHOES

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This morning the tan duval oxfords, worth about \$25, went on display in the window of Robert King, Ltd., Store, local importer of English men's apparel.

The store obtained the shoes when their buyer in London met the Duke of Edinburgh shopping at a shoe manufacturers. Jokingly, the store's representative pointed at Philip's shoes and said: "How about giving these as a sign of friendship with our country?"

The Duke replied, "fine" and handed over the shoes. Anyone with the right foot size will be entitled to place his name in a container. On the day before Easter the winning ticket will be drawn. — United Press.

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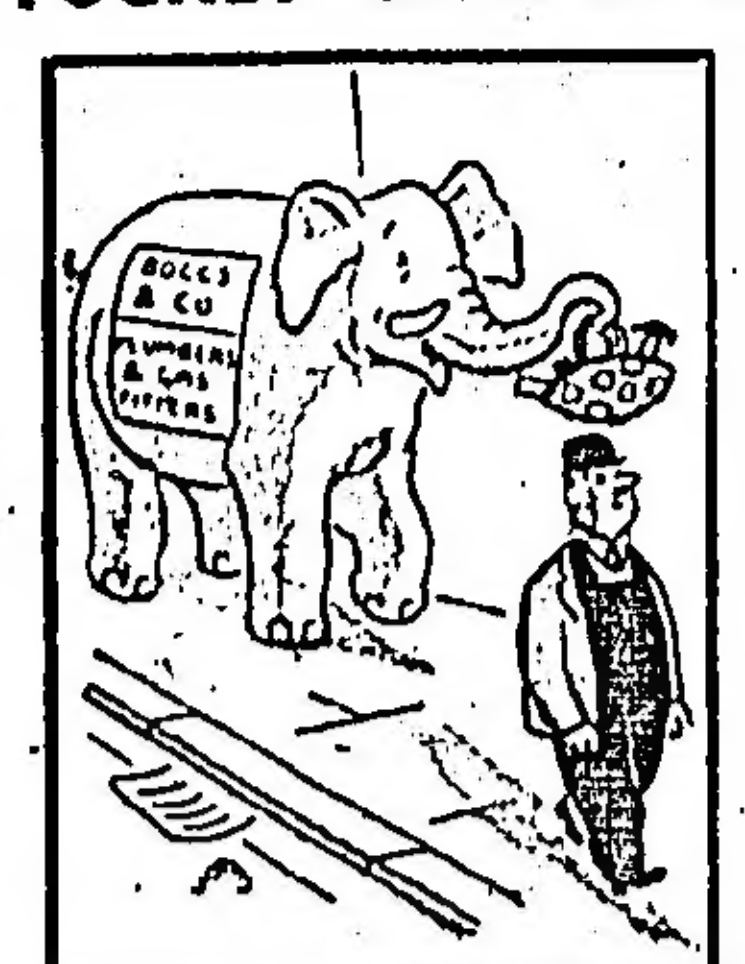
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Czech Court To Try 2 American Soldiers

Prague, Mar. 15.—Two United States soldiers, held here since December 9, are to be tried before a Czech court charged with espionage.

American officials have been refused permission to visit the two men, who were arrested on the Czech side of the Bavarian border.

The Czechs have declined to say anything about the complaint against the two men—Private George R. Jones, 22, of Owensboro, Kentucky, and Private Clarence R. Hill, 31, of Jackson, Mississippi.

All the two men know is that they are to be charged under the security law, dealing with espionage, and that the Czechs regard the alleged offences as "grave and serious."

United States sources here said the two men were missing from their unit on December 1. It was believed that they walked across the Czech frontier. They were first reported to be detained at Pilsen.

CHARGE DENIED
The American military authorities, who tried unsuccessfully to secure the return of the soldiers, denied the Czech charge that they had been sent into Czechoslovakia on a special mission. The American Embassy also took up their case.

The Embassy here had a letter from Clarence Hill, saying that he and Jones were arrested because they crossed the border without permission or documents. They had been "completely examined" and wanted to know what the Embassy was going to do about it.

The Embassy replied but has had no acknowledgment or evidence that its reply reached the men.

On March 2, in response to approaches through the Czech Foreign Office, the Embassy learned that the security authorities here had decided to charge the men with "grave and serious offences" against the security law and that they would be tried in a Czech court.

The Embassy has received no information about the possible date of the trial and does not know whether the Czechs will permit an American representative to attend.

NO INFORMATION
Although the men were first reported arrested on December 9, Hill's letter was dated January 15. It was passed by the prison censor.

The Embassy said it had no information about where the men were held, but believed that they were still at Pilsen. It had better news about other American citizens this week through the Czech Foreign Office.

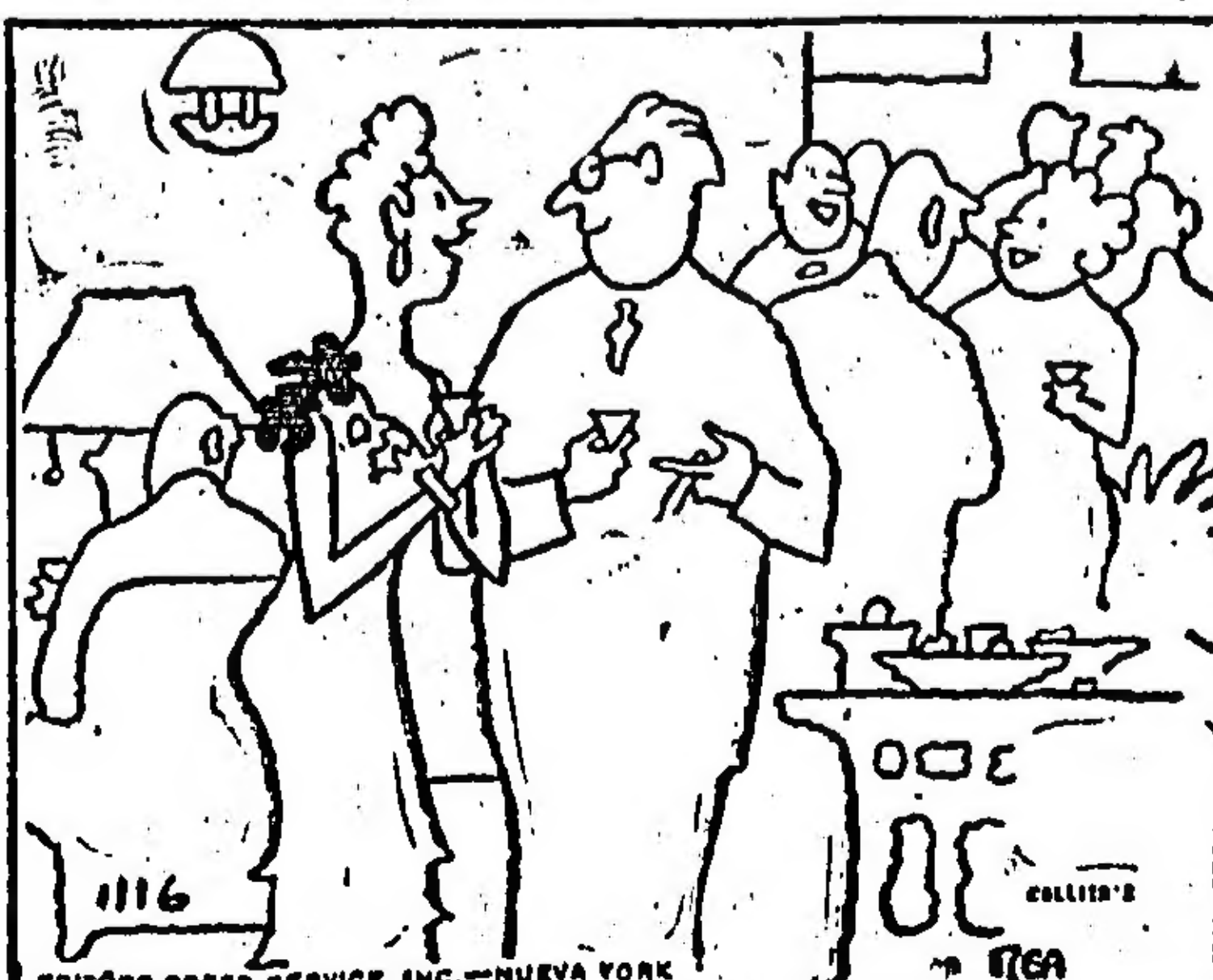
Ronald Goodal, of Houston, Texas, described as a student, was released after being held at Karlovy (formerly Karlsbad) since December 27, charged with attempting to smuggle 12 cases of personal effects belonging to Czechs across the border.

The Embassy learned that Goodal was sentenced to a prison term, which was commuted to the time he had already spent in prison. He was further fined 275,000 Czech crowns (about £1,400), which the Embassy assumed was collected by confiscation. — Reuter.

MINDSZENTY TRIAL ECHO
Washington, Mar. 15.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today agreed tentatively to recommend United Nations action on the trials of Cardinal Mindszenty, Archbishop Stepienac and 15 Protestant ministers.

The Committee chairman, Senator Tom Connally, said in his Committee report agreed "heartily" to condemn these tyrannical incidents.

He added that the Committee would recommend United Nations action "with a view to discontinuing these practices in future and correcting outrages already perpetrated." — United Press.



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